

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS**

To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: DOH/FHSD/Maternal & Child Health Branch/Women's Health Section  
*Department/Division/Agency*

Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

**Title and description of health and human service(s):**

Healthy Start Initiative - Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health - Border Health

The goal is to eliminate perinatal health disparities and barriers which contribute to infant mortality and poor birth outcomes. The funding will enhance the capacity of the community's perinatal service system to address the goals of reducing ethnic, racial, and other disparities in perinatal health. This is a major focus of the federal government. Cultural integration and enhancement of cultural services is a focus of this grant proposal in addressing these disparities.

Provider Name: Kokua Kalihi Valley	Total Contract Funds: \$258,666	Term of Contract:
Provider Address:  2239 N. School Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96819	Contract Funds per Year (as applicable). \$258,666	From:                      To: 06/01/04                05/31/05

**Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:**

This federal initiative is specific to eliminating racial, ethnic, and other disparities in perinatal health. For the Kalihi area, the greatest disparities lie in the immigrant population, the Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos. Procurement by competitive means is not practicable or advantageous to the State because Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) is an established organization that serves a large number of immigrants, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos who experience poor health status and birth outcomes. This community health center serves the lower Kalihi area, and has the necessary infrastructure to implement a program of this caliber. The perinatal services already established at KKV can easily implement the proposed services without too much cost towards infrastructure building.

It would not be advantageous for the State to solicit other vendors by competitive means because it would cost the State far more to establish a new program. With an established infrastructure and perinatal system, KKV will be able to operationalize the program quickly with minimal start-up costs and programmatic issues/barriers. The organization is also familiar with federal grant requirements.

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Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the service provider to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

The KKV is located in Kalihi and serves the central and upper Kalihi areas where large numbers of Filipinos, Pacific Islanders, and immigrants reside. Perinatal disparities are pronounced in these groups as evidenced by the data and health status of the populations. The KKV serves as the provider of last resort, often providing care to those who have no other health resource. The Center is an ideal provider to impact on the system of care and enhance services. The MCHB has an established collegial relationship with KKV which will facilitate contract management and implementation.

A description of the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement: The MCH Branch will develop and implement an appropriate data system to collect and analyze performance measures, outcomes, and stated goals and objectives. The MCHB will be responsible for regular site visits, monitoring of activities, and review of records, documents, and reports. An Evaluation Committee will be formed to assure the appropriate implementation in accordance with scope of services, contract requirements, and HRSA specifications. The MCHB and community health centers will work with a local advisory committee/coalition and State guidelines will be adhered to.

A list of state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

MCH Branch Chief  
Section Supervisor (Women's Health)  
RPN V  
Section Secretary  
Research Statistician IV  
PHAO III

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This exemption should be considered for list of exemptions attached to Chapter 3-141, HAR: Yes ☐ No ☐

I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

  
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Department Head Signature

5.19.04  
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Date

  
Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
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Director of Health  
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Position Title

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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

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*Chief Procurement Officer*

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*Date*

cc: Administrator  
State Procurement Office